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- * U.S. Patent No. 3,276,711;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,730,389;
- * European Patent Application No. 1 136 406 A2;
- Italian Patent Application No. FI1987A0009474
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- * WO 00/56644 A1; and
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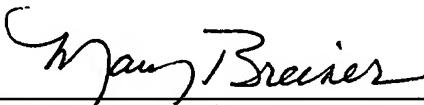
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The above listed documents are set forth together with the applicants and issue or publication date thereof in the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of foreign documents are attached. The above documents denoted by an asterisk were cited in the International Search Report attached to WO 2005/054100 A3 for International Application No. PCT/IT2004/000661, under which priority of the captioned application is claimed.

A copy of the International Search Report is attached.

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